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## MEETINGS

Sept. 3rd the Board of Directors decided to hold their meeting every month, as usual, but that the general Alumnae meetings be held only every two months for the duration of the war.

On October 5th the graduating class was honored with a Smorgasbord dinner at Sprague Home and interesting messages were given by Mr. C. B. Goodspeed, President of the Board of Managers of the Hospital, and Dr. W. B. Hibbs, Medical Director of the Hospital.

On December 7th, you elected the following officers:

1st Vice President, Mrs. Bonnie Jean Cruickshank-Tarun, '41.

Recording Secretary, Myrtle Lepein, '41.

Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. C. B. McNeill, '19.

Board of Directors—

Edna Herman, '31.

Virginia Stough, '42.

Elizabeth Nicholas, '19.

The by-laws were changed to meet the increase in 1st District dues—so that active members' dues are \$8.25.

\$10.00 was contributed to the neighborhood children's Christmas party given annually at the Congress Y.M.C.A. Our students assist with this party.

A Service Flag for members in Service will be purchased and hung in Sprague Home.

A Christmas Check of \$150.00 was sent to Capt. Nelle Crout for the nurses in Unit 13.

At the January meeting it was decided to provide an Honor Roll of Pres. nurses in Service to be hung in Sprague Home.

Mary Watson, '31, was appointed chairman of the Finance committee; and Mildred Ross, '34, was appointed chairman of the Flower committee.

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## UNIT 13

July—Thelma Francis, '31, wrote from Desert Training Center, Calif.: "In our last letter we wrote of our trip out here. When we arrived there were a few buildings under construction. The latter part of May the first of them were completed and ward officers, nurses, and enlisted personnel were assigned to nine wards. The next step was to remove all paint from the windows and floors and clean and scrub thoroly. The Army really cleans and I mean "CLEANS"! "

You would be surprised at the ingenuity of these officers and enlisted men—out of a few boards, nails, etc., would come chart

racks that can be moved about, desks, tables, magazine racks and files—to name only a few.

On May 29th we received our first convoy of patients. They arrived faster than beds could be supplied. Can you guess what happened? Sure, we lost our beds and are now sleeping on army cots. There were many aches and groans the first few nights but we are used to them now—the cots.

On duty we wear the blue fatigue dress, white cap, neutral hose, and black shoes. We nurses have all worked hard and are quite proud to have had a part in all that has been achieved."



August—Eva Begg, wrote also from Desert Training Center: "These last few weeks have brought to our minds the logic of a siesta. July made history for us. Lila Anderson came in from L. A. and found her entire building deserted. "This is it—we must be going overseas!" But it was just that we were ordered to vacate for more construction in our quarters. Then, too, we had our first General as a patient. Barbara McDowell and her permanent Red Cross staff are our latest recruits. Our recent Infiltration Course (crawling on our hands and knees under live ammunition) brings our training up to date. The recent nurses' dance with Miss Teig as social director was so successful it has set a record. But the climax of the whole month was July 30th when our hospital was officially opened. Brigadier-General Sweet gave the address and unveiled a bronze plate—"G. H. 13" at a public ceremony, which was followed by a Review with Major Pelky as our battalion commander, while Lt. dePeyster acted as guide for the first platoon and Lt. McMillan supported the second. We had several thousand visitors."

September — T. Oscarina Lonnquist, '25, also wrote from Calif.;—The days remain warm but the late afternoon wind never fails. Our enlisted personnel have worked very diligently at "yard bird" detail so now shrubbery, plants, thatch roofed patios with connecting walks and paths give the area a park-like appearance rather than that of a desert.

We have over a thousand patients now, so our new Red Cross staff has an enormous task. In the years to come won't we treasure our Unit picture taken August 20th. We had been on B rations for two weeks but evidently the food that comes in those cans contains all the vim, vigor, and vitality necessary. And we are now nestled down in our little cubicles as happy and contented as any nurses in the A. N. C.—bar none!

We miss Majors Diggs and Snyder and Captains Olander, Marquis and Brock, who have been transferred—but our best wishes are extended to them wherever they may be stationed.

Double silver bars are gleaming on the

shoulders of the new Captains Klein and Bodfish, and single silver bars on the shoulders of First Lt.s Thelma Francis, Eva Begg, and Oscarina Lonnquist."

October—Irene Eby, '26, writes from Brigham City, Utah:—"Early in the month orders came transferring many of us to different hospitals—in California and Oregon. Then came an order for all personnel who wished L. A. to be on their way. Such rushing and confusion for a quick get-away you have never seen but on the following morning the area looked like a ghost city. By the middle of the month most were back to find the mountains and ground covered with snow.

On the 19th an informal party was held honoring Col. and Mrs. Powell who left near the end of the month for a new assignment in Pa.

Nurses returning from L. A. were put on duty in Bushnell General Hospital here. The Bushnell Officers and Nurses invited us for a Hallowe'en Party at their Club. The Goblins were strutting as were "Pistol Packing Mama" and the "Mystery Man in a Shower Curtain" and our own Col. Miller as "Robin Hood." Our new recruits for this month were another nurse and our first Physical Therapy Aide.

We are located at the foot of the beautiful Wasatch Range. The snow has gone and every conceivable color flows on the hillsides in an Autumn riot. And in November, Lt. Eby writes further: "Our second Physical Therapy Aide arrived and Lt. Eva Begg left for 324th Station Hospital, Camp MacKall, N. C., where she is Chief Nurse under command of Col. Olmsted. Four nurses and one dietitian are in the process of being discharged from the army for "unfitness for military service." We feel that these mothers-to-be are a definite loss to the Unit but we hope they will be happy in their new responsibilities.

The Unit's new Commanding Officer, Col. A. W. Spittler, arrived on Nov. 6th. He is a Medical Officer with 17 years of Army experience. On Nov. 13th during a Special Formal Retreat Ceremony Col. Spittler was awarded the Legion of Merit, one of the Nation's highest honors. Col. Hard-



way of Bushnell presented the medal for outstanding service at Tripler General Hospital in Honolulu during the days of and following December 7th, 1941.

Thanksgiving was a gala day. The Mess was decorated and tablecloths appeared for the first time. The food was plentiful and delicious and many officers' wives were guests.

A Basic Training Course was started Nov. 15th, and by the time a girl spends five hours on duty, four hours at lectures, movies, drill or tactical walks, and then goes to swimming class in the evening, she has a right to feel that she has had a full day."

It was recently learned that Helen Beck, '35, Dorothy Provine, '38, and Mildred Cook, '40, were not to go over with the Unit because of illness and accidents. The members of the Alumnae Ass'n will extend their sincere sympathy in a more concrete form as soon as Mildred Ross, '34, our flower chairman, can learn the present addresses of these girls.

## ACROSS THE SEAS

Anita Foss, '27, wrote from North Africa: "We have set up our hospital and are really going strong. Like it very much—work 8 A. M. to 7 P. M. The swimming in the Mediterranean is lovely. The fields are red with poppies and we see herds of camels, goats, and cattle grazing on the hills. An olive grove at our back door was in blossom when we arrived—the scenery is lovely, and the sunsets beautiful.

On duty we wear blue seersucker uniforms, blue socks and oxfords, and most of the time, our helmets, as the sun is so hot. The nights are very cool. We have a shower now—a 12 holer! but still eat picnic style and stand in line to wash our messkits."

Alice Spellman, '28, writes from North Africa, "Even here I can find a Pres. nurse or two. Have seen Mrs. Reiking and Anita Foss. Anita had seen Dorothy Shaefer Byler.

Some days I wish all of the nurses were twins.

Had a chance to see Casablanca, which is a lovely city. Spent a week end in Fez,

which was most interesting. Have seen Bizerte, too, and it must have been beautiful."

Gladys Heikens, '30, writes from the South Pacific that "we have a very grand hospital thanks to Col. Potts and many others. Drs. Morris, Ferguson, and others of us often talk of good ole Pres. My best regards to all."

Grace Hubbard, '30, has been in India for ten months and writes: "Reading news from good old Pres. makes me feel that America isn't so far away and that it isn't just a mythical land I dreamed up as I sometimes feel.

I've been here long enough now not to be surprised at anything I see on the streets any more. Just this morning I met a man pedalling nonchalantly along on a bicycle with his wife swathed in a long white flowing gown from top of head to feet, riding STRADDLE behind him! Once I met a little girl who couldn't have been over three, dressed in long dirty white draperies complete with head covering. Over her shoulder she carried a small broom (as the grown sweepers do) apparently on her way to work at sweeping streets! The little flower boy at our hotel with the pathetic, funny face, speaks no English but we are friends, so one day he fairly shone as he tried to tell me something exciting about "chodda" which means small. Imagine my surprise when another Indian interpreted "I have a new baby." The "little flower boy" is a family man!

This is really a fascinating country with its beautiful old temples, the Tajmahal and the beauty of Kashmir—and sacred cows ambling down the middle of the street, the professional beggars and snake charmers.

Our American Hospital here is a small one built with protection from the heat which is terrific, believe me. Our group of doctors and nurses is small, too, but very efficient. We have lots of problems, such as getting clean linen in the rainy season and good fresh milk for our patients. I must say though, that they are well cared for and very grateful."

Jane Chadwick, '36, writes from North Africa: "Our Christmas was indeed a wonderful one. Along with other lovely gifts



I received a very nice sweater from the Woman's Board, and a letter saying one of the Red Cross kits is on the way. On Christmas day we had a most delicious dinner complete from tomato juice to pumpkin pie. We all sat with our friends and boy friends. On each table were a huge, golden brown turkey, candles, and cigarettes and candy at each place.

We opened our club several weeks ago, it is very pleasant. The main lounge has a fireplace and every night we have it lighted. Our dining room is very spacious so we use it for dancing, too. Then we have a game room and a very nice barroom.

I am on night duty again. We have opened a new wing and it is a long cold walk over there, so in the wee hours of the night I bundle up in my cape and trek over—by the time I reach the wards I am fully awake and quite cold. One of my duties is to make toast for the night crew—we have fresh butter and meat now. Greet all for me."

Adah Van Oss Case, '38, Lt. A. N. C., sent greetings from the Islands where she is stationed in service not too far from her husband—a happy coincidence. She has seen Florence Schneider, '37, and Elaine Goodrich Eveleth, '39.

Janet Couse, 2nd Lt. A. N. C., '42, writes, "I'm assigned to the Ann Arbor, Mich., unit located in England. It's a fine, well organized, talented group and I enjoy working with them and the experience is invaluable. England is most interesting. I've already seen many well known historical spots. The British are a little hard to understand at first because some of their customs seem strange, but they are very friendly and for the most part very hospitable.

The hospital is a new modern building having exceptionally convenient equipment. We have British and American casualties and the soldiers are receiving as good, and in most cases better care than they could be given in civilian life. The nursing care is particularly thorough. I have been in the army two months now and every moment has been enjoyable and exciting. Never has my work been more satisfying, nor effort more appreciated.

Lt. Helen Quick, '42, was inducted at the same time I was and is here with me.

## HOME SERVICE

1st Lt. Dorothy Ainsworth, A. N. C., '25, who helped to organize and conduct the Nurses' Training Center for the 7th Service Command at Camp Carson, Colo., was a December caller, on her way to Camp Kilmer, N. J.

"Bunny" Baker Deatherage, '27, is Recruitment Secretary for the American Red Cross in Springfield, Ill.

Coryne Diedrich, '29, has recently been transferred to Great Lakes. For two years Ens. Diedrich has been in foreign service with the Navy in New Zealand.

Dorothy Roberts, Ens. N. N. C., '34, has recently been transferred to Norma, Okla.

Pauline Murphy, 1st Lt. A. N. C., '35, O. R. charge nurse at Ashburn General Hospital, McKinney, Texas, was a recent caller.

Rosemary Thompson, Ens. U. S. N. R., '37, has been serving as anesthetist at the U. S. Naval Hospital at Oakland, Calif. Prior to this she was for two years Assistant Director of Nurses and Science Instructor at the Sisters of Charity Central School of Nursing, Helena, Mont.

Mary Adams Lenzini, 2nd Lt. A. N. C., '39, is keeping very busy on duty at Ft. Bliss, while her husband is serving in the Air Corps. Mrs. Lenzini was a September caller here.

Grace McNutt, '40, writes that she is with the Red Cross (Mid-western area) and was assigned to a camp at Hondo, Texas, May 10th, to organize a Visiting Nurse Service. She says, "It has been interesting and challenging to say the least, and one has the feeling that it is meeting a definite need. I work primarily with families of military personnel. There is a Navigation School here—I believe it is said to be the world's largest. There has been a large influx of population, seemingly overwhelming this little town, which has grown from 2,500 to 26,000. So you can imagine all the prob-



lems accompanying such a situation. Thus far I have been alone. There is not even a County Health Unit, so I've had no time to spare."

Ens. Ann Grier, N. N. C., '42, received orders early in December to report to Quantico, Va.

2nd Lt. Eleanor J. Cass, A. N. C., '42, is stationed at the Percy Jones Hospital in Battle Creek, Mich.

Theodora Townsend Starnes, '07, of New Lisbon, Wis., is active in Home Service work for the Red Cross and interested in her Alumnae Ass'n.

Kathryne Carroll Hager, '18, is doing her bit at Tacoma General Hospital, where the need for nurses is also acute. We are expecting Mrs. Hager to visit Pres. when her daughter, Dorothy, graduates in 1945.

Margaret Gottfried, '19, was a caller at Pres. this Fall.

Gertrude Perlman, '19, is ill at Sacred Heart Sanitarium in Milwaukee.

Blanche Bunnell Evans, '19, of Springfield, Mo., was a September caller here.

Kathrine Bennett Norton, '20, of Monroe, Wis., was a recent caller here. Mrs. Norton has conducted Red Cross courses in Home Nursing. She reported that Amy Bigelow Jensen, '20, had returned from the Islands in 1939 and now lives in Huntington Park, Calif., where Dr. Jensen is very active in west coast and national medical organizations.

Maude Emory Mulsow, '20, sends greetings to her Alumnae friends. She is serving as 4th vice-president of the Woman's Auxiliary to the A. M. A. this year and chairman of the Organization of the North Central District, which comprises 12 states.

Beatrice Bozarth, '20, is now Orthopedic Nurse Consultant for the Chicago district of the U. of Ill. Division of Services for Crippled Children, and is now an active member of our Alumnae Ass'n.

Florence McKinnon Cameron, '20, is doing Industrial Nursing at the Briggs Aircraft Plant in Detroit, Mich.

Mary P. Billmeyer, '20, received recognition in the Washington, D. C., Times-Herald last month for her work in orthopedic nursing. Miss Billmeyer is teaching at Catholic University there, the first course in orthopedic nursing ever offered in any university. She acted as county nurse and later as director of public health nursing for the states of Oregon and Massachusetts. She studied Physical Therapy at Harvard and then joined the Michigan Crippled Children's Commission as chief orthopedic nursing consultant for five years. Her aim is to teach early recognition of signs so as to prevent crippling.

Lucy Rutledge Jordan, '22, is working at Muhlenberg Hospital in Plainfield, N. J.

Myrtle Gadde Sarven, '22, of Negaunee, Mich., was a caller here. Dr. Sarven has been called to Nevada and Mrs. Sarven has taken a refresher course.

Isla F. Knight, '23, sent greetings to her Presbyterian friends by way of her sister through a friend who last summer returned from India. Miss Knight is well and busy as usual superintending a hospital that is associated with Woodstock School at Mussoorie, U. P., India; a school for the children of missionaries, and located in the edge of the mountains.

Pearl Riley Cleveland, '23, planned to work toward a degree in P. H. Nursing at the U. C. L. A. this summer.

Ellen Ecklund Cooke, '23, of Phoenix, Ariz., and Lois Mangus Nisbet of Portland, Ore., '23, were July callers.

Alta Benson, '24, and Mildred Ross, '34, are the Health Service at P. H. S. N.

## ALUMNAE NEWS

Hildegarde Sumner Doll, '24, has been a Teaching Supervisor of women's surgical nursing at Pres. this year.

Iva Delp Penturf, '24, is active at the Blood Bank Donor Center in Los Angeles.

Hazel Altman, '25, recently resigned as student supervisor of the Milwaukee V. N. A., and is now Educational Supervisor in the Division of P. H. Nursing at Flint City,



Mich. Norma Eskil, '17, is Director of this division of the Health Department there.

Sylvia Johnson Davis, '27, of Belle Fourche, S. D., was a caller here recently.

Helen Higgins Hennessy, '28, is with her husband who is a Lt. at the U. S. N. Training Station at Farragut, Idaho.

Helen Cornwell, '29, came home from the Islands by clipper and so did Leona Diehl, '28, just recently. It is difficult to secure passage back to the Islands so some busy spot may benefit soon from their inability to leave here again.

Helen Kallenberg, '30, is in North Africa with the 34th Field Hospital.

Mildred Kisling Cook, '30, sent some clippings from their paper in Honolulu telling of huge task of uncovering hidden nurses on "the Islands" which was being done under the direction of Margery McLachlan, who was on our teaching staff formerly.

Margaret Burkwall, '31, wrote from Edmonton, Canada, in August that she was ready to return to Free China at any moment. She expected to fly in from India and to be sent somewhere fairly near Canton. She has relatives and friends in both places where she may go but will need to "brush up" on her Cantonese which she has not used since she was seven years old. Miss Burkwall sent greetings and best wishes to all.

Marion Giddings, '32, is with a Federal Medical Service Bureau in Oak Ridge, Tenn.

Alice Miller Curtis, '32, reports that she is active in various Red Cross projects while Dr. Curtis is more than busy caring for civilians.

Esther Schurman, '32, sent greetings from Los Angeles, where she has been doing Industrial Visiting Nursing for the Avion Aircraft Corp.

Esther A. Schurman, '32, is an Industrial Visiting Nurse for an Aircraft Concern in Los Angeles.

Eleanor Loomis, '35, who had been teaching at the University of New York for the past 21½ years, while taking a physical ther-

apy course, took the Kenny Technician's Course, and August 1st went to Philadelphia as Orthopedic Consultant for the Metropolitan Philadelphia Society for Crippled Children.

Helen Donner Whiley, '35, was a December caller here. The boat she and her husband returned from So. Africa on was torpedoed and sunk but they were picked up after only 5 hours in life boat. This is the first Christmas in 8 years they have spent at home. Mr. Whiley is attending school in Louisville, Ky., now. Mrs. Whiley had seen Marabelle Taylor, '36, and Winona Hayenga Thorne, '28' in Africa. They are all located in the Cameroun, West Africa. Miss Taylor has been there since '38. Her brother, Jonathon Taylor, S. K. 2c-U. S. Navy, stopped to see friends at Pres. after spending 3 years in the North and South Pacific.

Dorothy Yates, '37, was an August caller here on her way to Calif. for a visit. Miss Yates had been in the Shipyards Hospital in Vancouver and had seen Mildred Schlekau Mankin, '37, and her small daughter, also Miss DeVore, who was recently on our staff here.

Naidine Kinney, '37, writes from Ellsworth, Wis.: "Since the 1st of March I have been acting as Pierce County Nurse. This is somewhat in the nature of pioneering since they have never before had a P. H. nurse in this county."

Marian Fairbanks Eckburg, '37, was a recent caller. Mrs. Eckburg is now in Memphis, Tenn., where Dr. Eckburg is C. O. at the West Tenn. Isolation Hosp., a new Public Health project.

Mildred Slekau Mankin, '37, writes from Portland that she shares her News Letter and Hospital Bulletins with Ebbamarie Schuttner Brown, '33, and five other girls who keep up a monthly Round Robin letter.

Helen Currier Armstrong, '38, wrote from Paris, Texas, that last May she had run into Major Earl Grey in El Paso on her way to Texas from Calif. Lt. Armstrong is with the Navy in Alaska and has to act as doctor, head nurse, supervisor, and instructor for his corpsmen.



Maxine McCormick, '38, is finishing her P. H. course at Vanderbilt and expects to return to Texas to continue her work there. She sent greetings to all.

Marguerite Schwan, '40, resigned as head nurse in the O. R. at Pres. in August to take a position in the hospital in Steamboat Springs, Colo.

Marie Carlson Stone, '40, is the new Ass't. Nursing Arts Instructor at Benton Harbor Hospital.

Louise Leonard, '41, is head nurse on F Corridor.

Joan Melaas, '41, is doing school nursing at Whiting, Ind., and enjoying the experience very much.

Vivian Blackledge, '42, is attending George Peabody College in Nashville, Tenn.

Esther Montgomery, '42, is having a taste of Army Life in the Infirmary of the University at Lexington, Ky., where the Army has a Specialized Training Program set up. Their contract with the Univ. includes medical and nursing care.

Anna Koch, '42, is head nurse on B Upper.

Clarice Banke, '42, is a head nurse in the O. R. at Pres.

Marjorie Hyde, '43, is head nurse on 3rd Lower.

Ruth Stegeman, '43, writes from Gray Hawk, Ky., that she is very busy but enjoying her work, giving immunization shots at schools, stores, P. O.s, etc. Their county had 3 sets of twins in less than 3 weeks and she had to improvise an incubator to take one set with their mother in a closed truck 25 miles to a hospital!

## CONGRATULATIONS

To Mr. and Mrs. John Christie (Florence Mall, '31), a daughter, Linda Louise, on June 3rd, in Long Beach, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Donald McGeorge (Sarah Metcalf, '32), of Shaker Heights, O., a second son, James Donald, on November 19th in Cleveland. Mrs. McGeorge expressed continued gratitude to the Alumnae Ass'n. and the 1st District of Ill. State Nurses Ass'n. for the care they made possible for her at Edward Sanitarium—"these

two wonderful sons speak for my present good health." Mrs. McGeorge will welcome contact with the rest of you Pres. graduates in the Cleveland area.

To Lt. and Mrs. Robert Brooks (Annabeth McCumber, '32), a daughter, Mary Ellen, on December 29th, at Pres. Lt. Brooks is with the Navy at Farragut, Idaho.

To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Corbett (Jeanette Hubbard, '33), a son, John Joseph, on October 18th at Pres.

To Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Gates (Isabel McTavish, '33), a son, John Stewart, on June 4th, in Denver, Colo.

To Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Anderson (Mabel Riggs, '34), a son, Allen Riggs, on July 20th.

To Mr. and Mrs. Duane Platner (Marion Levens, '34), a daughter, Marianne, on September 30th in Chicago.

To Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bohr (Amy Larrance, '34), a daughter, Mary Susan, at Pres. on October 31st.

To Mr. and Mrs. J. Howard Raftery (Margaret Montgomery, '35), of Geneva, Ill., a daughter, Kate Howard, on September 25th at Pres.

To Dr. and Mrs. Walter Mayne (Winifred Player, '36), a son, Jeremy, on October 2nd at Pres.

To Lt. and Mrs. John Marshall (Kathryn Harris, '36), a son, Stuart Rodney, on June 27th at Pres.

To Lt. and Mrs. Roger A. Van Atta (Irene Malan, '37), a son, Roger Alan, on October 16th in Los Angeles.

To Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Billy, (Anne Husiak, '38), a son, Arthur Michael, on June 13th in Sitka, Alaska.

To Dr. and Mrs. Walter Dailey (Margaret Anderson, '38), a daughter, Margaret Ann, on October 8, in Grand Forks, N. D.

To Lt. and Mrs. J. F. Lutz (Barbara Cruikshank, '39), a daughter, Barbara Ann, on January 6th at Pres. Lt. Lutz is stationed somewhere in the South Pacific.

To Mr. and Mrs. Gale Hollinger (Nora Stauffer, '39), a daughter, Anna Elizabeth, on January 17th at Pres.

To Mr. and Mrs. John W. Rexroat (Grace Frederick, '39), a son, John Frederick, on November 25th at Pres.



To Lt. and Mrs. Herman Stone (Marie Carlson, '40), a daughter, Patricia Marie, on June 21st in Amarillo, Texas.

To Capt. and Mrs. Thompson (Lois Brown, '40), a son, at Moorhead, Minn., where Mrs. Thompson is living with her father while her husband is overseas.

Jane Lartz Worst, '41, has a daughter, born in November, whom she says may be entering P. H. S. N. in twenty years. We hope so.

To Mr. and Mrs. David Buchan (Catherine Adams, '41), a son, David Bruce, on September 22 at Burnside Hospital, Chicago.

To Ensign and Mrs. R. P. Brewer (Margaret Roberts, '41), a son, Richard Paul, on September 21, at Pres. Ensign Brewer is stationed in Boston and Mrs. Brewer and son are with her mother in Oak Park.

To Mr. and Mrs. Keith Moburg (Dorothy Vinall, '41), a daughter, Carolyn Ruth, on November 1st, in Davenport, Ia.

To Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Knepe (Margaret Brunsting, '41), a son, Craig Alan, on October 27th.

## WEDDINGS

Hilda Jane Stickley, '15, to Mr. Dorus W. Benkelman, on November 2 at Caso City, Mich.

Cora Van Koeving, '25, to Mr. Anton L. Johansen. They are living at 203 N. Kolin, Chicago.

Dorothy Scoville, '27, to Mr. Edward T. Prosser, on March 20 in Chicago.

Ruth Louise Smith, '35, to Lt. E. D. Brown, at Camp Roberts.

Alice Henderson, '37, is now Mrs. Witzl and was located in San Francisco this summer.

Genevieve Beier, '38, to Pvt. Howard M. Amey, on Sept. 8th in Chicago. Mrs. Amey is on the staff of the V. N. A. there.

Elizabeth Wagoner, 2nd Lt. A. N. C., '38, to Mr. Kenneth C. Ferror, on December 4th in Santa Barbara, Calif.

Lt. Sylvia Van Antwerp, '38, to Capt. Paul L. O'Connor, flight surgeon of Worcester, Mass., near Palermo, Sicily, on December 18th. Mrs. O'Connor was one of the first flight nurses to serve in North Africa.

Mydella Rawson, '40, 2nd Lt. A. N. C., to Lt. Frank Papierniak in April. Lt. Papierniak is with Unit 13.

Marjorie Ruth Douglas, '41, to Lt. John H. Clagett, on June 11th, in San Diego, Calif. Lt. and Mrs. Douglas are now located in Annapolis, Md.

Frieda Bauerle, '41, to S/Sgt. John H. Muntz, U. S. A. A. C., in San Antonio, Texas, on October 18th. Sgt. Muntz is stationed at Camp Marfa and they are living in Alpine, Texas. Mrs. Muntz had been surgical nurse at the hospital in Fairbury, Il.

Bettie Kettering, '42, to Lt. John Shafransky, June 21, 1943, LaMont, Ill.

Lt. Ruth Salk, A. N. C., '42, to Capt. Howard C. Orr of Springdale, Pa., while Unit 13 was stationed in California.

Jacqueline Wilson, '42, married to Robert Raisig, June 19, 1943. Mrs. Raisig is going to continue on the Operating Room Staff.

## SYMPATHY

The sincere sympathy of the Alumnae members is extended to the family and friends of Gertrude E. Kellogg, 1918, who died at Pres. on October 6th. Miss Kellogg served as a missionary nurse in the Harwood Memorial Hospital in Fenchow, China, from 1919 to 1933. Her record was one of distinction. In 1925 she received her M. S. from Columbia and in 1943 was graduated from the Chicago Art Institute, where her knowledge of Chinese Art was valued.

And to the family and friends of Charlene McElwee, 1927 who died May 15th in the Evanston Hospital after a six weeks illness. Miss McElwee made a major contribution to Medical Social work in the Evanston Hospital Clinic.

And to Margaret Vollmer Andree, 1928, whose husband, Dr. Henery Andree died on August 2nd, at Pistakee Bay. Dr. Vollmer leaves, also, three sons in Berwyn, Ill.

And to Lottie Swallem, whose mother died in July.

And to Helen Higgins Hennessy, 1928, of Farragut, Idaho, whose father, an early graduate of the Illinois school of Pharmacy, died in May. Mrs. Hennessy is with her husband who is a Lt. at the A. S. N. Training Station.



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## UNVEILING OF HONOR ROLL AND PRESENTATION OF SERVICE FLAG TO TAKE PLACE IN NEAR FUTURE

The Student Cadet Nurses are expected to be in full uniform some time in June. At this time the official presentation of the Honor Roll and Service Flag will take place. It was hoped our Cadets would receive their uniforms before this but now our fervent prayer is that it will be no later than June because not only is everyone anxious to see them in uniform but the alumnae is very proud of the Honor Roll and Service Flag which is to be displayed at the same time.

At present the number of names on the Honor Roll is around one hundred and forty-five. These include all our nurses in the service wearing the uniform of the Army or Navy. At least one hundred and fifty-two names can be contained on the roll.

The inscription on the roll is identical to the Honor Roll of World War I, save the name of our school, which has been changed from the "School for Nurses" to the "School of Nursing of the Presbyterian Hospital."

The Service Flag holds a star for each member of the Unit as they left here. Several have dropped out since but their "star" is to remain. The total number in service is listed at the bottom of the flag in numbers under cellophane casings. This figure may be changed as is necessary.

It was a tremendous task obtaining the information for such a project. We are very grateful to Miss Elizabeth Nicholas, '19, Chairman of the committee, and to all those who so ably assisted her. Information was obtained through the Red Cross records, 1st District records, form letters and by word of mouth. If you know of anyone in the service we may have missed, won't you please send her name, present address, and rank to Mrs. C. B. McNeill, 1750 W. Congress St.

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### UNIT 13

January 1, 1944—Nelle Crout, '28, Capt., A.N.C., writes: "Due to censorship I'll not be allowed to tell you some things that you might like to know, but I am sure that you will understand. Soon after the first of the month plans at Headquarters made it more evident every day that our day of departure wasn't far off and the nurses on temporary

duty at other stations were anxiously waiting orders to move.

Packing of bedding rolls, foot lockers, and cleaning the quarters were the big events until we left the barracks after dark on the evening of the 9th with the general feeling that we were on our way west again. This was our most significant move as the next one would be by boat to some foreign country. All day on the 10th we traveled over



desert waste land much the same as in Sept. By mid-day of the 11th we were at our new station on the West Coast. The trip had been uneventful, good food per usual—altho several had been sick most of the trip with the "Flu" and had to be taken to the hospital.

As Christmas approached it seemed evident that we would spend the holidays on land—all were away from home and the first time for some too. The morale was none too good, but we shared a party at the club with the Engineers and our officers for those that wished to be gay and others stayed home and many went to midnight church services.

Our Christmas dinner was most bountiful and delicious—about ninety of us ate in our Section Mess Hall—the girls were all in olive drab clothing, and they were surely a nice looking group of girls.

The roster had more changes than I had ever expected: Sylvia Prussia Guldager, Martha Brye Murray, Mydella Rawson Papierniak, Lillian Decker Stewart, and Loretta Loker Hopper all received honorable discharges during the month—they will all be mothers before too long and we all wish them a world of love and happiness—two of the husbands are with us.

As the old year comes to a close, our experiences have been quite varied, our preparation has been very complete, and with a commanding officer like Colonel Spittler and the other officers I think that we are ready to do the job that you expect us to do, and we will be on our way soon. We wish you all a very prosperous New Year and I hope for one of peace, above all other things."

January 30, 1944 — T. Oscarena Lonquist, '25, writes from "Somewhere in Australia": "At long last, we crossed the big pond on a luxuriant ocean liner which was converted into a troop ship. Our cabins were rather crowded—accommodating about three or four times as many as in peace times. Food was good and rationed to two meals a day. Many of the girls enjoyed the sun deck and got a beautiful tan. Only a few of us suffered from "mal de mer," which all in all made the voyage more pleasant. Consensus of opinion is that we were

all happy to disembark and get on land once more.

Our living quarters, here in Australia are the usual U. S. Army type of barracks. Rooms are barren, the only furniture is the proverbial Army cot, which in no way resembles the Louis XIV four-postered bed, but anyhow it is a place to sleep and we are thankful for such. Two or three girls share a room and find it not too crowded for temporary living. We share our mess hall with another Gen. Hosp. Unit which is located here, too. We have three meals a day and the food is really good.

The organization of our Officers' Club is under way and we are planning a dance in the very near future. We are located not too far from a large town and many of us have taken advantage of the recreational facilities which it has to offer, so you can readily see that we are not too bored.

This A. M. Col. Miller and a few of our girls went into town to the Church of England and thoroughly enjoyed a fine choir. The other day several of us went to the park and were amused and delighted to see the Koalas and Kangaroos.

We have been receiving mail from the States now for the past three days and find that the V mail is received much faster than ordinary mail."

February 19, 1944—Thelma Francis, '31, and Geneva Conrad, formerly a general duty nurse on our staff, write: "Now that we are overseas, 'Somewhere in Australia,' we would like to tell you of our crossing. Upon leaving the P.O.E. we marched a few miles (seemed like ten) to a boat that was to take us to our ship. Bands were playing, people were waving and we all could not help but feel a pang of lonesomeness. By the time we reached the pier, from which we debarked, we were so tired we did not care where they sent us, or when. We were loaded from stem to stern with gas masks, utility bags, purses, pistol belts with canteen (no pistols), and helmets (these were dropped constantly). On the march, Amy Williams lost a bit of pink femininity. There was laughter and giggling over this in our ranks, and the rest of the march. We owe a lot to Amy.



We boarded ship immediately, found our cabins and retired, exhausted. There were six to ten of us in each cabin. We left port next morning and by mid-afternoon some or most of us did not feel too well. The majority of us were seasick the first afternoon only. Even Miss Crout lost a cookie or two.

The ship was large and in better days, it must have been beautiful. We spent our time in the lounge, playing cards, knitting and singing. Someone was always playing the piano and many times Col. Miller would accompany with his mandolin. We also spent much time on deck, sunning ourselves and gazing at the water. At times the ocean was quite rough and at other times it was as smooth as glass. The loveliest times to be on deck were at sunrise and at sunset. The reflections on the water, at these times of day were beautiful.

Our food was good, and though we were served only two meals a day it was adequate. We were given food at breakfast time to prepare a lunch for ourselves at noon. The mess lines were long. The fumes in the passageways were not always conducive to an appetite. At a port of call, Capt. Baum went ashore and bought the nurses ice cream.

We celebrated crossing the Equator with the traditional Neptune party. Many of those on board were brought before a judge and sentenced. Heads were bedecked with spaghetti, ink, bluing, mustard, raw eggs and flour. Several heads were shaved. Sgt. Maj. Bruce Dixon wore a helmet for days to hide his denuded head. Water was thrown freely and Mary Lou Feldman, Naomi Hoff, Amy Williams, Helen Shannon and Beth Wagoner, to name a few, were drenched.

We were transported from the ship by bus to a temporary camp, where we were met, as usual, by Capt. Joe Bennett. The bus, driving on the left side of the road, bothered us. For a time we could not understand just what was wrong with the driving and any minute we expected to hit something or be hit."

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Ruth Salk Orr, '42, writes from "somewhere in Australia," "Thus far I have nothing but the best to say of foreign service and wouldn't have missed it for anything.

I keep forgetting that we are the foreigners in this deal, with so many countrymen of ours about."

Mary Lou Feldman, '41, writes from "somewhere in Australia," "Can't tell you much about this strange land except that it is so much like all the things I've wanted to see that it makes one very homesick. The people are wary but friendly—the food is excellent and I am beginning to like tea as well as coffee."

### ACROSS THE SEAS

Dorothy Dickey Stettler, '37, writes from Rainy Pass Station, Anchorage, Alaska: "I left for Alaska the last of June, going by boat to Juneau and then by plane to Anchorage where Don was working at the time. We were in Anchorage three weeks before we left for this station. We are located 150 miles from Anchorage and the same distance from McGrath. We are the only people here and our nearest neighbors are 75 miles away and the only way you can get there or any place is by plane. We get a supply plane in here once every two months. We are both radio operators and weather observers. We send weather every hour from 6 a. m. until 6 p. m. and then one at 9 p. m. and again at 3 a. m., we also contact all planes going this route except the army or navy. It is on the direct air route to Nome. We are up in the mountains, our elevation being about 2000 ft. above sea level, and all around us are mountains 5000 to 6000 ft. higher. Our cute log cabin is located in Ptarmigan Valley on Lake Puntila about 50 ft. from the shore. The tree line ends about 200 ft. above us but there are many pine all around. We burn wood, drink lake water which has been tested and found to be o. k., and have all the electricity we want from our own little power plant. This is about the best hunting country in this part of the territory. We have all the moose and caribou we want. Never thought I'd use my knowledge of anatomy to skin and butcher moose, caribou and skin a wolf.

We got the dog team the other day so now I have to learn to drive five huskies. They are grand dogs and so friendly but so big, they almost knock one over when they



jump up to be petted. We need them to haul in the wood, etc.

There is never a dull moment here, if it isn't a big brown bear at the back door it is a porcupine at the front door, or maybe 15 or 20 ducks floating in front of the dock, in the fall. In the winter is fox tracks all around the cabin or as the sun comes up maybe two moose at one end of the lake and a couple of caribou at the other or even a herd of over 100 caribou on the mountain side across the lake. Could anyone be bored with that or the snow white mountains against the bright blue sky. We work harder than ever before, but are truly having the time of our life. The Saturday before Christmas Don had to go to Anchorage to see why our supplies had not come in the first as they should have and to see about getting the dogs out here and more gasoline for the power plane. A plane on its way from Nome to Anchorage stopped for him when we radioed him, Don had to go in if he had room. 20 minutes after we talked to him on the radio he had landed and Don had gotten on and he had taken off. It was only 30 below zero that noon. Here I was the only person for miles around and no way to get to even the closest one. I was alone and ran the station from Saturday through Thursday. Quite different from white uniforms and hospitals and nursing, but this is a job we can do together and still be doing our share in the war effort as they need radio operators and weather observers badly up here."

Mildred Kisling Cook, '30, writes from Honolulu: "Hawaii is gradually relaxing some of its restrictions. We may have our lights on and our windows raised until 10 p. m. but black out from then on until 7 a. m.

Edith Gaeckle, '32, has been promoted to First Lieutenant, in the A.N.C., serving with the 29th Station Hospital in Africa.

Lois Morrow Good, '29, sends greetings to her alumnae friends from Camp Lodge, Prospect, Bermuda.

Lt. Fern Darling Coleman, '38, with the 31st General Hospital writes from the New Hebrides Islands: "We've been over since Oct. 16th. Landed first in New Caledonia and have been here for six weeks now. A

lovely place and our living conditions are above reproach. The hospital is not finished yet but we move into each ward as soon as it is built. Running water, sewers, electric lights and telephones, in fact all the comforts of home. There is no town on this island, so recreation is all "G.I." promoted. But even so we don't suffer for lack of diversion—shows, parties, dancing, boating, and swimming. Sounds like a pretty good life, don't you think?"

## ALUMNAE NEWS

Esther Sunderman, '34, is with the Commonwealth Edison Co., working as an industrial nurse. She began her new duties in February.

Dorothea A. Jackson, '21, is in Wrangell, Alaska. She writes that their greatest public health nursing problems are tuberculosis and sanitation.

Florence Smith, '29, has been taking care of her father who has been very ill in Troer, Iowa. We sincerely hope he is much improved.

Margaret Corliss, '38, is taking a post-graduate course in Jersey City, N. J.

Altha Hallam, '25, is with the Santa Barbara County Health Dept., Santa Maria, California. She writes: "There must be fellow-alumnae somewhere near here—I do hope they will stop in to see us if they can."

Alvera Johnson Walker, '28, is with her husband who is in the Navy, stationed at San Diego, Calif.

Cora Louise Schultz, '41, is stationed at the U. S. Naval Air Station, Alameda, Calif.

Margaret Vollman Andree, '28, is working for the Health Dept. in Berwyn, Ill.

Ellen Ekelund Cooke, '23, is doing Community Health Nursing in Phoenix, Arizona.

Evelyn Seegmiller Smead, '27, writes from Grand Rapids, Mich., that her husband, who is in the Army, has gone overseas and that she plans to resume her nursing.

Lois Mitchel, '41, writes from Santa Barbara, Calif., "Had the pleasure of entertaining nurses from our Unit 13 before they left for San Francisco. They all were excited about leaving." Miss Mitchell is one of the nurses in charge of the psychopathic building of the Santa Barbara General Hospital.



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We were very happy to receive a thank you note from one of the girls in the Unit for our Christmas gift to them.

Ruth E. Stauffer, '39, writes that she is still doing Industrial Nursing at Cheyenne, Wyo.

Lola Gray Gordon, 31, writes from Madison, Wis.: "I'm doing full time work in the Social Service Dept. at the Wisconsin General Hospital. I take my children (age 3½ and 5) to a war nursery when I go to work and leave them there until I'm through each day. My husband (Major in the 44th Unit) has been in New Guinea since the first part of December."

Virginia Fussell, '41, is doing first hours in the examining room.

Eunice Brownson, '43, is working in the health office at Sprague Home.

In part is an article taken from the February issue of "Spring Times," published by The Muelhausen Spring Corporation, Logansport, Ind.

"Mildred L. Ross, '34, has been retained to handle all our first aid work, apply dressings to injuries which require extended treatment, and in general make our insurance plan of even greater value to employees. Miss Ross comes highly recommended by our insurance company, for she has had considerable nursing and injury treating experience."

The following 1943 graduates are now in service at Camp McCoy, Wis.: Alice Crout, Kathryn Longworth, Margaret Mickelson, Shirley Boughton, H. Taylor Thilmont. Evelyn Aaberg has received her assignment in the Navy.

Emily Gould, '40, resigned from the Navy Dec. 19th and returned to the V.N.A. in Chicago, Jan. 4, 1944.

Glyde Leach Hill, '23, writes from New York, where she and her husband, Lt. Col. F. L. Hill, are visiting: "We arrived in New York from the Far East on Jan. 30. After eight months living behind barb wire we arrived in Portuguese, South Africa, for exchange and remained six months to sun and air after the Nipponese in the Transvals at Johannesburg. We returned to Chungking via India. We were in West China five months. It is so good to be in the States again. The Japanese have all our

baggage. We lost everything including my P.H.N.S. pin."

Mrs. J. A. Freeman (Elizabeth Giles, '38) writes from San Francisco that she is employed by the Red Cross Blood Bank. Hazel Tambaugh Wallace, '34, is also at the same place.

Ellogene Bivans, 1st Lt., A.N.C., '41, sends greetings to all her friends from Thomasville, Ga.

Marjorie Marshall Brooks, '32, was a patient in Pres this winter.

Helen Wilder Hibbard, 37, writes from Houston, Texas, that she is applying for reciprocity there as they too feel the shortage of nurses.

Jane Lartz Worst, '41, was an April caller here from Bloomington, Ill. Jane says her new daughter is a full time job. T/5 Wm. Worst is in Africa with the Signal Corps.

Julie Neville Raymon was an April caller here from Glasgow, Ky. Mrs. Raymon was formerly Nursing Arts Instructor at Pres.

Cornelia R. Nokma, '28, has been transferred from Arizona to Tacoma, Wash., where she is one of the two chief nurses in the U. S. Indian Hospital. This hospital has been open for only a year and is the largest one in the Indian Service, accommodating 325 patients.

June Kuitert, '43, has resigned as head nurse in the operating room. After a vacation in Texas, June hopes to join the Army.

Virginia Lindholm, '43, is on night duty on 2nd Lower.

Louise Humke DeLap, '41, is leaving the staff at Pres to join her husband, who is awaiting his assignment in the Navy.

Alice McKelvey McDonald, '41, who has been doing private duty here, has joined her husband, who is stationed at Valley Forge General Hospital, Phoenixville, Pa.

Dorothy Nelson, '41, Ens., N.N.C., is stationed at Kodiak, Alaska.

Florence Coon Hargis, '28, writes of a "Pres reunion," in Burbank, Calif., given by Katherine Livingston Davis, '29, who has a 20 months old daughter. Those present were: Mary Livingston Proctor, '25, Ethel Steingraber Ganssle, '28, Gertrude Stratton-Hornbeck, '27, Esther Melges Johnson, '29, Helen Melges Doehring, '26, Edna Quigley Rhone, '27.

Laura Skinner Small, '25, has moved to Waupun, Wis. She says, "it seems good to be back in the middle west."

Arleigh Slack, '43, is working on 3rd Lower.

Helen Eide Hasner, '08, is living in Birmingham, Mich.

Bertha Johnson Miessner, '33, who has been living in Cleveland is on our staff here in the examining room while her husband is in the service.

Ruth E. Burr, '28, has been transferred to Wind River Hospital, Ft. Washakie, Wyo. She writes: "It is quite a change from the hustle and bustle of a Northwest Pacific City to the peace and quiet of a mid-western Indian Reservation. Grayce Borgman, '29, has been transferred to Winnebago, Nebraska, where she, too, is still with the Indians."

Mary Jane Brown Sweeney, '41, is living in Cleveland, Ohio, with her husband, who is interning in the City Hospital. She writes: "Cleveland is a wonderful place, although I miss Chicago."

Nondas Degener Rothenberger, '33, writes from Chanute, Kansas, "Because my husband is in the Army Air Corps, we are moving around considerably. We are leaving Kansas again soon."

Harriet Felt, '43, has received her assignment in the A.N.C.

Anna Gislason, Ens. (NC), '42, sends greetings from the U. S. Naval Hosp., Oakland, Calif. She writes that Marguerite Knox, '42, Betty Baldwin, '42, and Marilyn Carr, '42, have been transferred to San Pedro, Calif.

Susan Haynes Kraatz, '39, sends greetings from Seattle, Wash., where her husband is stationed in the Navy. Their daughter, Margaret, is now 1½ years old and as her mother says, "is constantly a little busy body."

### CONGRATULATIONS

To Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Hardy (Margaret Evjen, '34), a son, Richard Douglas, on October 23, 1943, in Chicago. Richard has a sister, Barbara Ann, age 3½ years.

To Lt. and Mrs. E. B. Stegmaier (Muriel Whiting, '42), a son born Jan. 25, 1944, at Virginia, Minn. Lt. Stegmaier is with the Navy in the British Isles.

To Capt. and Mrs. A. D. Klein II (Betty Rickards, '42), a son, Arthur Deo III, March 7, 1944, at Presbyterian. Capt. Klein is a dentist with Unit 13.

To Mr. and Mrs. William Berkheiser (Carol Lee Smith, '40), a daughter, Blythe, on January 26 at Streator, Illinois.

### WEDDINGS

Jo Ann Frank, '43, to Mr. Stanley E. Evaskus, on February 12 in Highland Park.

Charlotte Lynn, '43, to Mr. Grant Jones, in December. They are living at 1850 W. Jackson, Chicago.

Lilo Bronner, '42, to Dr. Royal H. Cutler, on February 20. Dr. Cutler is Medical Resident at Pres.

Lillian Goldie Decker, '41, to Fred King Stewart of the U.S.A., on September 4, 1943, at Santa Ana, Calif.

Marian Berg, '38, to Mr. Donald Champion, on March 5 at New First Congregational Church on Ashland and Washington Boulevards.

Dorothy Morris Larson, '37, is now Mrs. Hamann, living in Baltimore, Md.

### SYMPATHY

The sincere sympathy of the Alumnae members is extended to the family and friends of Mrs. Florence Williams Tiggett, 1914, who died at Pres. after a brief illness on February 21, 1944. The Alumnae have given five dollars to the M. Helena McMillian Fund in her memory instead of the usual flowers.

And to Eleanor Weurding Williams, '41, whose husband, Lt. William D. Williams, was instantly killed near Baker, Calif., Dec. 13, 1943.

Lt. Williams fell 3,000 feet from the open cockpit of an airplane when his parachute failed to open. It was thought he may have been stunned by hitting the tail of the plane and not have been able to open the parachute. The pilot did not see Lt. Williams fall from the craft and suddenly discovered he was missing.

Bill was a graduate of Rush Medical College. At the time of his commission he was the youngest doctor in the Army.

Lt. Williams also leaves two sons, Bobby and Billy, who are living with their mother and aunt (Georgia Weurding Dercik), at Troy Grove, Ill.



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April, 1944—Estalene T. Spears, '38, 2nd Lt. A. N. C., writes: "April showers bring May flowers they say back home, but here in Australia they tell us it is the beginning of fall. Why speak of weather when I have so many more important things to tell you.

The month of March, of which I want to tell you, proved quite an eventful one for the Unit. First and most important, March 19th marked the first anniversary of the entire Unit being together. To celebrate this great occasion we decided to have a picnic followed by a party in the Officers' and Nurses' Club. Along about 3:00 P. M., "Old man weather" decided he did not want us to have a picnic—it rained!—but as per usual the flexible 13th enjoyed eating in the Mess Hall "ala picnic" style. The party following was really something. Thanks to the originality of our officers, a skit was written and presented by them, portraying many humorous incidents which have happened during the past year. The unique costumes were obtained with the assistance of Mae Nygard, one of our Red Cross workers. I wish you could have seen Maj. Straus Maj. Sippy and Capt. Riker in Nurses' uniform. The fit—for Maj. Straus particularly—was perfect. Frankly, we never realized until this time that our Doctors possessed such theatrical talent. Capt. Bennett acted as Master of Ceremonies and at times one had difficulty in hearing him above the roar of laughter. Needless to say, the party was enjoyed by all. You will be interested in knowing that Ione Williams was our guest on this same evening.

Another happy event, which I must not fail to mention, happened one night when several of us were sitting very quietly playing bridge in the club. Who should walk in, unannounced, but our good friend, Lt. Com. Harry Boysen. You have no idea how glad we all were to see him and I believe he was just as happy to see us.

While I am still writing of our social activities, I must tell you about the night many of us gathered around a bonfire, (Col. Mil-

ler and Capt. Morris spent the entire afternoon—so they told us—gathering wood) to have toasted cheese sandwiches, fried onions and potatoes (doesn't sound good but was until Naomi Hoff accidentally stepped into the pan) and roast chicken.

In our last letter to you we mentioned the Nurses soft-ball team. The regular team has really made a name for themselves, with the expert coaching and pitching of Harriet McDonald. A few of us, who couldn't possibly make the regular team, got together and formed the "Irregular Team"—we challenged the Regulars—they accepted—result—a good many laughs—score—bad!! Decorations—Helen Freeman, the Purple Heart, for a broken finger.

I have related many of our pleasant experiences of the past month, and it is with regret that I tell you of the loss of Col. Spittler as our Commanding Officer. Apparently Uncle Sam decided he was needed elsewhere. We are happy to have Col. Nicoll as our Commanding Officer. Other of our losses, through transfer, are Capt. High, Capt. DePeyster, Capt. Michael. Miss Gladys Williams, a new nurse who has joined us, has spent nearly two years in foreign service and expected to return to the States soon. Since her arrival here, she has received notification of her promotion to a 1st Lt. I might also add that Pauline Binkley, Dorothy Simms and Grace Waxel are on detached service at the present time and that several of our Nurses are on temporary duty at the 42nd General Hospital.

Our surroundings here are most pleasant—much credit should be given to Maj Wallner and the boys, who have greatly improved the grounds by planting trees and shrubbery.

I want to tell you at this time how much we appreciate and thoroughly enjoy the Alumnae News Letter and the Presbyterian Hospital Bulletin. I hope this letter finds everyone well and not working too hard."

May 21, 1944—Astrid Lund, '33, 2nd Lt., A. N. C., writes: "Before long we may be munching cocoanuts and sniffing orchids. Australia is a nice place—much like California in many respects. At present we are (the nurses) on detached service in a nearby



hospital. Of course, we like working in our own hospital best of all and are patiently waiting for the time when it will function again. In the meantime, the privilege of working with patients who have been evacuated from combat zones is really wonderful. They are the best patients in the world and but for the evidence of casts, bandages or crutches, one would hardly guess anything had happened to them. Once in a while they will talk but their pep, appreciation, patience, spirit is wonderful and I've had more fun being just a ward nurse, giving baths, changing dressings, giving medicines, etc., than I've had in an age.

To see us rig up to go to bed, I'd need a Webster's to adequately describe. Our barracks are screen and plywood, the upper half screen. It's so cold you can see your breath. There is no heating system. Let me attempt to describe Mary Alfree the other night. Well, here comes Mary, quite portly now due to some extra fine polyvitamins, or is it vims, I forget? Anyway, here comes our Mary in heavy long cotton stockings, heavy white flannel gown (with blue flowers) over which she wore the coat part of a pair of flannel p.j's. Her hair was beautifully coiffed in curlers and covered with a black snood. Over this outfit went a blue sweater and then sister Mary hoisted herself to her bunk. One of the girls sleeps in her field jacket and nearly everyone goes to bed with hot water bottle and canteen. Also, you either sleep with a pillow over your head or crawl down under the blankets to avoid frost bite, or perchance a coy mouse. They seem to have a habit of playing around our beds. Amy Williams had one in her hair. Great life!"

May 28, 1944—Grace Waxel, '42, 2nd Lt., A. N. C., writes: "The men are building a hospital for us up in New Guinea and we will join them when they have it completed. All of them, young and old are really pitching in and pounding the nails and sawing the boards and making a spot for us. You would never recognize our doctors digging in from the bottom up, but they are a swell bunch and we certainly think the world of them. Nelle Crout is really a good chief nurse and day by day we appreciate her more.

I work in the Office of the Chief Surgeon, in the United States Army Services of Supply Headquarters. Several nurses, from various hospitals, about 16 to be exact, were sent here to work on temporary duty while awaiting their units to get activated and start to work. Dorothy Simms is the other nurse from the 13th out here with me. We stay in barracks quite close to where we work, and I get out to see the kids about once or perhaps twice a week. They are at present working with another hospital helping them out. They do some nursing, some are in charge of ward kitchens, and some are not working, but have to keep the quarters mopped and clean. I am working the Hospitalization and Evacuation Section typing, taking shorthand, filing, and just general office work. I really have enjoyed this very much and have learned a great deal of administration work.

We live in the same barracks with Teach Meyer, Kay Phillips, Hawkie, Irene Hartmann and Scotty Cruickshank, Matsie Flockhart and Amy Williams.

I understand Bonnie Brandt is still in Idaho and Susie in Oakland, Calif., in the Navy. Knox, Carr, and Baldwin in San Pedro in Calif. Mary Ward is at Ft. Warren in Wyo. Janet Couse is still in England and now Marilyn Whitmore is too. Potter is still in North Africa."

## ACROSS THE SEAS

Lt. Selma Moody (former Nursing Arts Instructor at Pres.) writes from "Somewhere in New Guinea": "We have not had time to learn very much about what we may say about this place, but these are a few of the things. Just at present I am living in a grass-floored tent in a beautiful cocoanut palm grove. The mountains are the greenest of greens at certain hours and at other times are a deep blue—often clouds cover them. I am tremendously interested in the bird calls, but have been unable to catch a close glimpse of any of them.

Short little bush-haired natives who wear bright-colored skirts are making the loveliest thatched huts for us. To me the buildings are a work of art. Some of the men have blonde hair. Someone told me that one of



our soldiers had given them peroxide! However, I do know that there are natives who make a practice of bleaching their hair with certain clays—don't know the true tale here.

Our B rations are not bad at all. In fact at the present I am beginning to wonder if I shouldn't take thought of my waist-line."

Sarah Child, '38, Lt., A. N. C. is now with the 35th General Hospital and is located in New Guinea. Lt. Child was originally with Unit 13 but her overseas duty was delayed because of illness.

Helen Daniels Smith, '25, writes from Bogota, Colombia, S. A.: "At present we are in the heart of the tropics of Colombia, S. A. The tropics makes it sound as though it would be hot doesn't it? It's really quite the contrary as the elevation here in Bogota (Capital of Colombia) is 8700 feet. Bogota is quite a modern city and has a population of 500,000 people. Living here is much like it is in the states in many respects, however, there are many adjustments necessary due to a language and customs that are as yet strange to us. Living here is quite expensive for instance an unfurnished apartment of four rooms is 150 pesos which is equivalent to \$95 and then electric lights and water are high and food and clothes are very high. The people down here seem to think that 'Americans' are all wealthy."

Mary Elizabeth Simons, '36, Lt., A. N. C., is now stationed in England with the 68th General Hospital.

## ALUMNAE NEWS

Ruth Stegeman, '43, is in Gray Hawk, Kentucky, where she is doing Public Health Nursing. She tells us they treat "plenty of Tuberculosis and Worms." Her program for July includes immunization for 75 schools in Jackson County—37 of which she alone is responsible for. Ruth was a June caller at Pres.

Evelyn Aaberg, Ens. (NC), '43, writes from U. S. Naval Hospital, Corona, California: "We have mainly Rheumatic Fever and Tuberculosis cases with a few other convalescent injuries, but almost no emergency or new casualty patients. Miss Dixon (Lovetta, '41) and Miss Hoibe (Verna, '41) are here also. As you may have heard, Miss

Dixon has been a patient for about 2 months. She had an operation on her knee and is recovering slowly but surely. Los Angeles and Hollywood are about 30 miles from here and we go in there for our weekends and days off. I had never been out west before and am really thrilled with the country. It's really the land of milk and honey."

Charlotte King Kraag, '40, writes from San Diego: "We like it here very much. Wes is in the Dental Division at the Naval Training Center here."

Lela H. Cady, 2nd Lt., A. N. C., '30, sends greetings from Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo.

Hazel Thilmont Taylor, '43, 2nd Lt., A.N. C., writes from Camp McCoy, Wis.: "The basic training period for the nurses is three weeks in duration and consists of many lectures, motion pictures, as well as daily calisthenics and drilling. There is much of interest to learn and see, each day bringing with it a host of new experiences. Misses Mickelson (Margaret, '43), Boughton (Shirley, '43), Longworth (Kathryn, '43) and I have signed up for overseas duty together. It is our understanding that the authorities attempt to keep friends together whenever it is possible so we are hoping for the best. Miss Crout (Alice, '43) is being transferred to Camp Grant. I am eagerly looking forward to the future experiences that Army life will offer—but deep down inside of me is a very soft spot reserved for "Pres," and occasionally I miss the sight of the hospital and the familiar faces of friends who remain there."

May Bryant, '28, writes from Urbana, Illinois: "My work for the past year has been with the Students and Cadet Nurses at Burnham Hospital, Champaign, Ill., where I have been General Supervisor and will continue there until my final military orders come thru. I am more than delighted to be getting into the service and do what little I can to help all of the boys already giving so much."

Nondas Degener Rothenberger, '33, has accepted the position of head nurse at the Child Service Center of the Oregon Shipbuilding Company, Portland, Oregon. The school operates on a twenty-four basis and



she finds she has a very full time job. Lt. Rothenberger has been serving overseas since February.

Louise Humke De Lap, '41, writes from Highland Park, Ill.: "Although I hadn't intended to work steadily, I find myself with a job—six days a week. The Highland Park Hospital is a 50 bed community hospital, clean, cheerful, and well organized and headed by a Pres. graduate, Miss Ibsen (Marjorie, '26). Also on the staff are a Miss Kral (Lydia, '25) and both Mrs. Gatewoods, who volunteer quite a few hours every week. Occasionally some other married woman with a Pres. pin comes in for a day or so and the lot of us look so pleased at seeing another Pres. nurse." Lt. De Lap is stationed at Camp Greenbay in the Navy.

Johanna De Vries, '33, is attending the University of Chicago this summer. It is unlikely that she will be able to return to her work in India this fall as she desired. She is staying with Josephine Duven Hendren, '42.

Carol Lee Smith Berkheiser, '40, was a recent caller at Pres. Her daughter Blythe is now almost 6 months old and very "energetic."

Recent graduates who have received their orders for overseas duty are: Shirley Boughton, H. Taylor Thilmont, Kathryn Longworth, and June Kuitert.

Ruth Ketchie Post, '40, was a June caller at Pres. with her two children. Ruth has been living with her parents in Ogden, Utah, while Capt. Post is serving the armed services in Honolulu.

Margery Deuth Stewart, '33, and son David visited friends at Presbyterian April 24th. Her husband is now in the service with the army in England. She has been at her home in Illinois but expects to leave soon with her two children for their home in Whitefish, Montana.

Lt. Helen Beck, '35, had a few days leave the latter part of April and visited friends here at Presbyterian. She has recovered from her recent illness and is now on full time duty. At present she is at Hammond Hospital, Modesta, Calif.

Cora Schultz, '41, N. N. C. of Alameda, California Air Station, visited Presbyterian March 24, 1944.

Mrs. Lucy De Young Roesch, '37, and twins, Barbara Ann and Chandler spent May 9th in Chicago enroute from their home at Onaka, South Dakota, to visit Mrs. Roesch's mother at Central Lake, Michigan. Mrs. Roesch was formerly in charge of the nursery in Maternity at Pres.

Sylvia Thompson McGee, '37, and son Charles of St. Paul visited in Chicago in May. Capt. McGee is with the Air Evacuation Force and is now located in Delaware.

Charlotte Warren Jannsen, '39, is teaching supervisor in medicine and surgery at Miller Hospital, in St. Paul, while her husband, Lt. Jannsen, is in service. He is stationed in India now.

Margaret Knox, '42, Ens. from the Roosevelt Base Dispensary, Terminal Is., San Pedro, Calif., visited at Presbyterian May 12th. Betty Baldwin and Marilyn Carr are also at San Pedro.

Esther Backman, '35, of Birmingham, Ala., passed thru Chicago June 1st enroute to Calif., where she will spend her vacation and visit her brother in service there. Essie expects to visit Lt. Helen Beck in Modesta, Calif.

Lt. Dorothy Provine, '39, has left Camp Stoneman and is now at Seattle, Wash., while awaiting her orders for foreign service.

Rev. and Mrs. Frances Derick (Georgia Weurding, '40) of Troy Grove, Ill., attended the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Chicago in May. The Dericks have a daughter one year old. Mrs. Derick's sister, Eleanor Weurding Williams, '41, and younger son are now visiting a sister in Pennsylvania. Her older son remained in Illinois with friends.

Alice McKelvey, McDonald, '41, visited Pres. in May. Lt. McDonald is with the Paratroopers stationed at Ft. Benning, Georgia.

Louise Mathews, '35, was a May caller at Pres.

Grace E. Myers Chapin, '36, is living with her two year old son in Coral Gables, Florida. Her husband is a fighter pilot somewhere in England.

Matilda Woodford Klow, '41, is living in San Diego, Calif., with her husband, who is at the San Diego Naval Base.



Bethel Flood McGrath, '23, has been appointed Chief Consultant for the American Association of Industrial Nurses. Mrs. McGrath has long been an industrial nurse and understands the problems of the nurses working in industry.

Betty Rickard Klein, '42, was a June caller at Pres. Her son, Arthur Deo, is now four months old. Capt. Klein is a dentist with Unit 13.

Marjorie Douglas Clagett, '41, has been visiting different points in the east, New Haven, Providence, Newport and Washington, D. C. Lt. and Mrs. Clagett are located in Annapolis, Md.

Dorothy Nelson, '41, Ens., N. N. C., writes from Kodiak, Alaska: "I scrubbed for a maternity case with Dr. Armstrong (former interne at Pres.) as the obstetrician the other night. We almost had a streak of homesickness—I believe my last scrub at Pres. was with him. I have been getting out for a lot of outdoor exercise and am taking up new activities. I am learning to play badminton and also am doing quite a bit of practicing on shooting. They don't advise you to ever be out without a gun around here because of the bears which are supposed to be the world's worst as far as bears go. They will attack without provocation and many of them get to be about nine feet long, four feet high and weigh 1200 to 1600 pounds. I am also doing target practice on carbines and pistols."

Norene Kruger Field, '38, was a recent caller at Pres. Dr. and Mrs. Field are located at Bend, Oregon.

Mildred Cook, '40, 2nd Lt., A. N. C., visited Pres. in the last month. At present she is stationed in Tampa, Florida, but is awaiting reassignment.

Joan Melaas, '41, is taking an advanced course in Public Health Nursing at the University of Chicago. She attends school in the morning and works p. m.'s at Billings' Hospital.

From a recent communication we learn that Margaret King Mumler, '39, is living in Sherman Oaks, Calif.

Gladys Heikens, '30, Lt., A. N. C., called at Pres. recently. She has served the armed forces in the South Pacific for over a year. She is now awaiting reassignment which she

hopes will again be overseas duty.

Elizabeth Giles Freeman, '39, was a recent caller at Pres.

Helen Cornwell, '30, Ens., visited with friends at Presbyterian a few weeks ago. She was on "off duty" hours from her recent assignment at Great Lakes Naval Training Station Hospital. Her enlistment in the N. N. C. was made in early winter; she was called in May and is thoroughly enjoying life in the Navy.

Helen, it will be recalled, is a veteran of Pearl Harbor. At the time of the attack she was employed as a civilian nurse in charge of the Medical Department of a government industrial project located at Aiea on Pearl Harbor, about a half hour's drive from Honolulu. Accounts of her own actual eye witness experiences of the first Jap bombers in action against our country on that memorable Sunday morning make fascinating listening especially when "they were so close we could distinguish the Rising Sun on their planes."

Helen remained at Pearl Harbor till the completion in August, 1943, of the building of the publicized underground hospital, returning by clipper to the United States.

Lucile Lucas, '43, who recently has been employed at Pres. as a staff nurse on 4th Upper, reported to Camp McCoy, June 29 for induction in the Army Nurse Corps.

Louise Benedict and Pearl Roskamp, both of the class of '43, are working at the Swedish Hospital, Seattle, Wash.

Arleigh Slack, '43, has resigned as a staff nurse on 3rd Lower to accept a position in Research at the Manteno State Hospital in Kankakee, Ill.

Jane Miller King, '43, has resigned as a staff nurse on C floor. Jane has returned to Alexis, Illinois, to take care of her ten months old son, Robert Gary. Sgt. King is serving the armed forces somewhere in the South Pacific.

Lorraine Vodak, '43, has resigned her position as head nurse in the operating room for a six months rest.

Julia DenHerder, '37, resigned her position as Instructor of Sciences at Pres. Miss DenHerder plans to be married in the near future. A tea was given before "Julie" left at which time she was the recipient of many lovely gifts from her friends and students.



Miss Hazel Magdalene Steward, '41, has accepted the position of Instructor of Sciences at Pres. Miss Steward received her Bachelor of Arts Degree at DePauw University in 1937.

Anna Koch, '42, former head nurse on B Upper has resigned her duties there to become the Assistant Instructor of Sciences at Pres. Miss Koch received her Bachelor of Science Degree at Bradley Polytechnic Institute at Peoria, Ill.

Ruth Jackson, '43, has been appointed the new head nurse on B Upper. Miss Jackson has been working on second lower since she graduated.

Virginia Stough, '42, has resigned her position as Assistant Nursing Arts Instructor at Pres. "Stuff" returned to Steamboat Springs, Colo., to resume her duties as general staff nurse in a small hospital there.

Josephine Duvén Hendren, '42, has accepted the position of Assistant Nursing Arts Instructor at Pres. "Jo" formerly worked in Central Free Dispensary. Cpl. Hendren has spent the last seven months in India. He hopes to be granted a furlough soon.

Jane Phillips, '43, is doing general staff nursing on C Floor.

Alice Venhuizen, '42, is working in a TB Sanitarium near Denver, Colo.

Lois Marsilje, '38, was a recent caller at Pres. She is spending a short vacation in Holland, Mich. Lois has just returned from India and plans to return in the fall.

Lottie Kopp, '32, is seriously ill in Mt. Sinai Hospital, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Mary Ward, '42, for the past year has been working for the Dept. of Health in Colorado. Mary enlisted in the Army Nurse Corps and is now stationed at Ft. Francis Warren, Wyoming.

Rev. and Mrs. John McPheeters (Catherine Ollis, '40) of Farmington, Ill., attended the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Chicago in May. The McPheeters have two children.

## WEDDINGS

Ann Grier, '42, Ens. (N. C.), to Roger Matthew Herbst, Ens. (U. S. N. R.), on February 24, 1944, in New York City.

Nondas Degener, '33, to Lt. Julian R.

Rothenberger on June 27, 1943, in San Antonio, Texas.

Anna Berger, '42, to Virgil L. Pennell of the Navy on Jan. 29, 1944, in Spokane, Washington. Mrs. Pennell was formerly head nurse on 3rd Lower before enlisting in the Navy Nurse Corps.

## CONGRATULATIONS

To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wallace (Lucile George, '42), a girl, Crispin, on March 5, 1944, in Nyack, New York.

To Ensign and Mrs. Frederick E. Cooper (Adella Remus, '36), a daughter, Glen Ellen, April 7, 1944, at Pres. Mrs. Cooper is living in Benton Harbor while her husband is in the service.

To Capt. and Mrs. Clifford H. Peters (Edna Eittreim, '36), a son, William George, on May 8, 1944, in Goldsboro, N. C. Capt. Peters is stationed at Seymour Johnson Field in Goldsboro.

To Dr. and Mrs. Harold Kosanke (Lucy Jo Brusch, '42), a son, Raymond William, on April 26, 1944, at Pres.

To Dr. and Mrs. Lincoln Kesler (Margaret Lee, '33), a daughter, Pamela Ann, on June 5, 1944, at Pres.

To Mr. and Mrs. Roald Rolfson (Elnora Johannes, '32), a daughter, Mary Kathryn, on June 3, 1944, at Wausau, Wis.

To Capt. and Mrs. F. B. Papierniak (Mydella Rawson, '40), a son, Michael Rawson, April 4, 1944, at Pres. Capt. Papierniak is with the Unit.

To Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Levi (Carol Weidner, '42), a son, Robert James, March 30, 1944, at Pres.

To Dr. and Mrs. Orin L. Davidson (Judy Harrison, '41), a daughter, Nancy, November 17, 1944, in Memphis, Tenn. Dr. Davidson is serving a residency at John Gaston Hospital in Memphis.

To Mr. and Mrs. Paul Smithyman (Beatrice Symmes, '41), a daughter, Elizabeth Jean, March 27, 1944, at Sussex, Wisconsin.

To Mr. and Mrs. Elias M. Moore (Laila Tulisalo, '41), a son, E. Michael, Jr., May 6, 1944, in Atlanta, Georgia.

To W/O and Mrs. A. Lenzini (Mary Adams, '39), a daughter, Martha Lenda, June 10, 1944, in El Paso, Texas.



To Dr. and Mrs. J. Harold Schultz (Ruth Wylder, '41), a daughter, Karen Lee, June 11, 1944, in Swedish Hospital, Minneapolis, Minn.

## SYMPATHY

The sincere sympathy of the Alumnae members is extended to the family and friends of Alice Dolan McCormick ('29), whose father, George Dolan, died May 29, 1944, in Riverside, Ill.

And to Barbara Brown Piggott ('37) whose infant son died at Pres. when two days old. The baby was born March 18, 1944.

And to Marion Rock Geerlings ('31), whose husband, Capt. L. J. Geerlings, was killed in an airplane accident, May 10th on the Island of Corsica. Capt. Geerlings enlisted in January, 1942, and reported for active duty May, 1942. He went overseas in March, 1943, and was stationed in North Africa, Sicily, Italy and Corsica. Capt. Geerlings was a graduate of Rush Medical College and interned at Presbyterian Hospital in 1932 and 1933. He also leaves a daughter, Carol, 3½ years old and a son, Jon, 2½ years old.

## BITS OF NEWS FROM THE BUREAU OF NURSING INFORMATION

A total of 112,249 student nurses were enrolled in the 1,307 state accredited schools of nursing in the country on January 1, 1944, an increase of nearly 12,000 over the number enrolled in 1943 and more than 20,000 over 1942 according to a study completed by the Dept. of Studies of the National League of Nursing Education.

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Since the inception of the American Red Cross Blood Donor Service (Feb. 3, 1941) it has grown from a single center producing 200 bleedings a week to thirty-five centers delivering up to 120,000. In the same period, the nursing staff has increased from four to over 900—the largest group of nurses employed by the American Red Cross on any single project. In the development of the blood donor service, there has evolved a new nurse group, intimately familiar with a new technique—mass bleeding. It is hoped that these blood donor nurses will form a valuable nucleus in the staffing of hospital blood and plasma projects in the postwar period.

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North American nurses are stationed in Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Columbia, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru and Venezuela. In practically all of these countries modern schools of nursing are being established and public health nursing is either being aided or developed.

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According to all indications, industrial nursing will continue to be an essential service after the war, since industry is making plans for full employment of workers in the postwar period even though war materials will no longer be produced.

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Colleges and universities in some twenty states of the Union are offering summer courses this year (many of them with federal aid) to help more nurses prepare themselves for the teaching, supervisory and administrative positions for which they are so urgently needed. According to the Criteria of Essentiality set up by the Procurement and Assignment Service for Nurses, War Manpower Commission, nurses attending college or taking advanced clinical courses should be declared essential provided they are preparing for essential nursing positions, are potentially qualified for such positions and can be prepared in the shortest possible length of time.

## NOTICE

A scholarship of \$150.00 is available to members of the Alumnae Association who are in good standing for post graduate study. For further information write: Mary M. Dunlap, Chairman, Scholarship Committee, 5748 Stony Island Ave., Chicago, Illinois.



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## BLACKOUT

For months, after Pearl Harbor we watched the Unit grow  
And proud we were of every one; we may have told you so.  
You were not activated 'til a year was almost past  
You chafed at the inaction but we saw you off at last.  
And while you joined the service we practiced many a night  
On blackout regulations in case of bombing fright.  
But gradually the blackout need became less imminent  
Until our last News Letter, and now it's done in print.  
You see, we all unwittingly included your PO  
In passing on the bits of news 'bout "Louie" so and so.  
Identified some Units and conflicted with a code  
Gave address of some others whom we all loved and "knowed".  
Because the Censor's office is "Jonny on the Spot"  
We had a note on what to print and also—what to *not*.  
So if in this News Letter a black space comes to view  
Consider it a loving thought and not a fancy, new.  
For each of you we cherish, our surgeons, corpsmen, nurses,  
And we'll "Button up" our news, you bet like many Scotchmen's purses.

By Denny.

## THE RED CROSS TO SEND ARMY AND NAVY NURSES CHRISTMAS GIFTS

The Red Cross is continuing their loyal and generous support to the Army and Navy Nurses of our Illinois area under the leadership of Mrs. Garland Thomas.

Mrs. Thomas is a graduate of the Colorado Training School of the Denver General Hospital, Denver, Colorado, and served with the American Red Cross overseas in World War I. Since this time she has maintained an active interest in the Red Cross at present being the Professional Chairman of the Nurse Recruitment Committee. Also serving on this committee is Mrs. Philip K. Wrigley, who is Chairman of the Army and Navy Nurse Kit Program.

Since the beginning of the War, Mrs. Wrigley and her Committee have given each nurse, Army or Navy, a knitted sweater and small kit. It is often difficult to obtain the names of all the nurses as they enlist and Mrs. Wrigley is only too happy to have them send in their name, address and approximate size if they have not received their gift. This includes all nurses in the Service from Illinois.

Last Christmas a gift was sent to each nurse of this area and again this year the same project will be carried through. Members of Unit ■ and other members of the armed forces, you will be pleased to learn you have the following gifts enroute to you: miniature clothes pins and line, calendar, leather picture frame, face powder, lipstick and concentrated perfume.



### THIRTY PRECLINICAL STUDENTS ARE CAPPED

On the evening of August 25, 1944, thirty preclinical students received their caps after six months of strenuous studying and strict supervision.

As in other capping ceremonies, fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters, sweethearts and friends were held spellbound by the lighting of candles over shoulders and the girls happy and proud marching to "Onward Christian Soldiers" and "I Would Be True."

The young nurses were received into the school by Miss Harriet Forrest substituting for Miss Froehlke, who was away on a vacation.

Miss De Vries was the speaker of the evening. Her message was an inspiration to both the young and old nurses alike.

### MRS. DOROTHY ROGERS WILLIAMS RECEIVES NEW APPOINTMENT

Mrs. Williams, '21, has been appointed executive secretary of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Nursing as of September 1. Headquarters will be at 2063 Adelbert Road, Cleveland 6, Ohio. Mrs. Williams was formerly Director of Nurses at Presbyterian.

### UNIT

"Life in New Guinea told by 2nd Lt. Mary E. Bunker, 41," (the following article was taken from Mary's hometown paper in Kankakee, Ill.). "Well, "Somewhere in New Guinea," in this really hot, moist climate we are again putting in time. The trip was uneventful except that they had some good American food. It was a good old U. S. boat and as usual we played bridge.

We have not yet reached our destination, although we are much closer than Brisbane. The disadvantages or lack of modern conveniences is pretty acute but also very funny at times. We are in what is called a staging area waiting for more transportation.

We now live thirty in each quarter which are really funny—a cement floor covered with a tin roof with a three-foot wide board for the walls. It's really open air living. The biggest problem is the mice and rats. They eat any and everything from knitting needles to chewing gum, clothes, etc.

We have a six-head shower which is very temperamental—you get all soapy and then it quits. Not only that, with the heat and 200 girls having to shower between 7 and 5 o'clock you're not always sure just who's arm you are scrubbing.

Social activities have reached the all time high! We're the first large feminine contingent here and as we aren't working we're really in demand. There are no telephones for our use, so they've set up a "Lonely Hearts Dating Bureau" at the first gate and

is it busy! The different units in the area arrange beach parties, dances, picnics, etc. Sometimes they request 60 girls for one affair. Sometimes two lonely little officers struggle up wanting dates.

The rules for dating are also strict. After 6 p. m. there have to be two couples and one of the officers has to be armed. They have to provide transportation to take you off the post—jeeps, peeps, trucks—anything but tanks.

We wear slacks all of the time now with high field shoes—leggings after 6 p. m.—nothing ironed. Part of the worst problem is getting the wash tubs and the other is getting things dry. You should see us scrubbing our slacks on a board with a scrub brush.

The natives are the "fuzzy wuzzies" you read about. They wear loin cloths and the tops of their heads are dyed red and yellow. The only women you see are in the villages but the men are frequently about.

On the way to the beach we pass both American and Japanese cemeteries and farther down are pill boxes and other evidences of the campaign they fought here. Tops of trees are blown off, bridges constructed under fire, etc.

We have lots of cocoanuts but bananas are scarce. They say the Japs when retreating destroyed them so the Americans wouldn't have any. The food is pretty good considering—eggs about every other morning. Anyway I sure haven't lost a pound."



Ruth E. Stauffer, '39, writes from Cheyenne, Wyoming: "After fourteen months in the West, I feel like a native. The climate seems ideal to me, and, like everyone else, I have been much impressed by the sunshine and the very blue skies. What is more important, of course, I enjoy working for United Air Lines. Our staff is headed by Dr. L. C. Benesh, a graduate of Rush. In addition to the physician there is another nurse, a medical technician, and two secretaries. Our work consists mainly of first aid treatments and pre-employment and routine physical examinations. Even though I like my present work, I still miss Pres. Occasional visits there would be most welcome."

Mildred Cline, '34, visited her sister here in late August. Miss Cline has been enjoying private duty in Orlando, Florida, the past year or so.

Melba Bucker Weber, '34, was a patient in Presbyterian this summer.

Jane Phillips, '43, relieved nights in the Nurse's Office during the month of August. Jane is now in Minneapolis taking a Public Health Course at the University of Minnesota.

Betty Baldwin Mortenson, '42, has returned from California where she was in the NNC before her marriage. Pharmacist Mate Mortenson of the Navy is stationed somewhere in the South Pacific. Mrs. Mortenson relieved Mrs. Hill in Intravenous Department for two weeks. Her plans for the future are uncertain but she will continue nursing and "preferably at Pres."

Betty Brueckner Case, '42, writes from El Paso, Texas, that she has been doing private duty there, her last "case" being her son, Ronnie, who was quarantined for ten days with the mumps. Cpl. Case is stationed at Fort Bliss, Texas.

Alice McKelvey McDonald, '41, is with her husband, Lt. McDonald, in Southern Pines, S. C.

Anna Gislason, Ens. (NC), '42, writes that she has been transferred from Oakland, Calif., to Seattle, Wash.

"Eula B. Butzerin, '14, who has been loaned to the American Red Cross for ten months as educational assistant in home nursing division, American Red Cross, Washington, D. C., left the Red Cross on

June 1 to return to the U. of Chicago, where she is associate professor in nursing education." (AJN, Vol. 44, No. 8, August, 1944.)

"Liala I. Johanson, '23, formerly superintendent of Olean (N. Y.) General Hospital, is now superintendent of Lutheran Hospital, Sioux City, Iowa. Miss Johanson studied at the University of Chicago and was superintendent of Charles Godwin Jennings Hospital, Detroit, Mich., before she went to Olean." (AJN, Vol. 44, No. 9, September, 1944.)

"Edith M. Nielson, '31, formerly head nurse, is night supervisor on medical and surgical service at Flower - Fifth Avenue Hospital, New York City." (AJN, Vol. 44, No. 9, September, 1944.)

"J. Olive Seger, '14, is in charge of the Senior Cadet Program in the Veterans Hospital at Downey, Ill. Miss Seger has studied at the University of California in Los Angeles, at Friends University, Wichita, Kans., and the University of Chicago. She has been on the nursing staffs of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company in Los Angeles, Presbyterian Hospital, Chicago, and Pasadena, Calif." (AJN, Vol. 44, No. 9, September, 1944.)

Alice M. Morse, '10, has been appointed Director of Nursing at Grant Hospital, Chicago.

Margaret Withrow Renwick, '28, has accepted a position in the admitting office of Central Free Dispensary.

## WEDDINGS

Ann Osseward (Stahl), '16, to Mr. Frank T. Andrews, on July 4, 1944, in Elgin, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Andrews are living in Eau Claire, Wis.

Eva Simolin, '41, to Lt. (jg) John MacElroy, on April 18, 1944. At this time Lt. and Mrs. MacElroy were living in Newport, Rhode Island.

Julia Den Herder, '37, to Mr. Ralph B. Gray, on July 22, 1944, in the Chapel of Fourth Presbyterian Church, Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Gray are making their home in Noblesville, Indiana.

## CONGRATULATIONS

To Mr. and Mrs. Frederick King Stewart (Goldie Decker, '41), a son, Frederick King, Jr., on July 6, 1944, at Presbyterian.



### THIRTY PRECLINICAL STUDENTS ARE CAPPED

On the evening of August 25, 1944, thirty preclinical students received their caps after six months of strenuous studying and strict supervision.

As in other capping ceremonies, fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters, sweethearts and friends were held spellbound by the lighting of candles over shoulders and the girls happy and proud marching to "Onward Christian Soldiers" and "I Would Be True."

The young nurses were received into the school by Miss Harriet Forrest substituting for Miss Froehlke, who was away on a vacation.

Miss De Vries was the speaker of the evening. Her message was an inspiration to both the young and old nurses alike.

### MRS. DOROTHY ROGERS WILLIAMS RECEIVES NEW APPOINTMENT

Mrs. Williams, '21, has been appointed executive secretary of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Nursing as of September 1. Headquarters will be at 2063 Adelbert Road, Cleveland 6, Ohio. Mrs. Williams was formerly Director of Nurses at Presbyterian.

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### UNIT ■

"Life in New Guinea told by 2nd Lt. Mary E. Bunker, 41," (the following article was taken from Mary's hometown paper in Kankakee, Ill.). "Well, "Somewhere in New Guinea," in this really hot, moist climate we are again putting in time. The trip was uneventful except that they had some good American food. It was a good old U. S. boat and as usual we played bridge.

We have not yet reached our destination, although we are much closer than Brisbane. The disadvantages or lack of modern conveniences is pretty acute but also very funny at times. We are in what is called a staging area waiting for more transportation.

We now live thirty in each quarter which are really funny—a cement floor covered with a tin roof with a three-foot wide board for the walls. It's really open air living. The biggest problem is the mice and rats. They eat any and everything from knitting needles to chewing gum, clothes, etc.

We have a six-head shower which is very temperamental—you get all soapy and then it quits. Not only that, with the heat and 200 girls having to shower between 7 and 5 o'clock you're not always sure just who's arm you are scrubbing.

Social activities have reached the all time high! We're the first large feminine contingent here and as we aren't working we're really in demand. There are no telephones for our use, so they've set up a "Lonely Hearts Dating Bureau" at the first gate and

is it busy! The different units in the area arrange beach parties, dances, picnics, etc. Sometimes they request 60 girls for one affair. Sometimes two lonely little officers struggle up wanting dates.

The rules for dating are also strict. After 6 p. m. there have to be two couples and one of the officers has to be armed. They have to provide transportation to take you off the post—jeeps, peeps, trucks—anything but tanks.

We wear slacks all of the time now with high field shoes—leggings after 6 p. m.—nothing ironed. Part of the worst problem is getting the wash tubs and the other is getting things dry. You should see us scrubbing our slacks on a board with a scrub brush.

The natives are the "fuzzy wuzzies" you read about. They wear loin cloths and the tops of their heads are dyed red and yellow. The only women you see are in the villages but the men are frequently about.

On the way to the beach we pass both American and Japanese cemeteries and farther down are pill boxes and other evidences of the campaign they fought here. Tops of trees are blown off, bridges constructed under fire, etc.

We have lots of cocoanuts but bananas are scarce. They say the Japs when retreating destroyed them so the Americans wouldn't have any. The food is pretty good considering—eggs about every other morning. Anyway I sure haven't lost a pound."



June 16, 1944—Lucille P. Rabe, 2nd Lt., ANC, writes: "Our ways of winning the various conflicts occasioned by our waiting, en masse, are just as many and original as there are people. Knitting is the most universal recreational passive activity. The girls are taking advantage of the beautiful woollens produced here. Yarn, sufficient for an afghan may be purchased for a pound and a half or approximately five dollars in American currency. Beautiful leather is easily obtained and some of the girls are quite expert in tool craft. Miss Crout, even with her minimum of time, is adept in both. Neva Nye's French students are beginning to sound a bit Parisian but the accompanying facial efforts are a bit weird.

Now you can realize how these individual activities plus violin practice and horseback riding would be reason enough for nurses really on duty to reply as Irene Hartman did to any question actually concerned with nursing. A patient asked, "Miss Hartmann, where are the isles of Langerhans?" Irene replied, "I'm not quite sure where they are but I think they're owned by the British." It really happened!

Al Lund and Del Sollis were shopping in our nearby city a short time ago and were due at camp in a very few minutes. It was impossible to get a cab, the trams were crowded, so Miss Lund caught sight of an American car which she promptly called to their rescue. In the course of their ride, the girls, to their discomfort, found the driver to be the American Ambassador to Australia!"

July 11, 1944—Nelle Crout, '28, Capt., ANC, writes: "The past two weeks have been history making for the nurses 100%, and we are now having our first experience with real foreign service. It rains nearly every night, is quite hot during the daytime, and the jungle is beautiful.

I am operating a Staging Area for a group approximately three times our size.

This is our first experience for each nurse to have a date every night. Several of the nurses have not been feeling too well but nothing serious."

July 11, 1944—Myrtle E. Swanson, '29, 2nd Lt., ANC, writes: "Our unit activities

for the month of June started with the regular routing of the past weeks. A group of the nurses were on eight-hour duty in the hospital wards. A few of us were on twelve-hour night duty, the extreme cold nights, trying to keep warm was the most difficult part of that particular duty. Our nurses also substituted as K.P.'s for the corp men in the ward diet kitchens. The hospital staff felt that through the nurses' supervision the diets and method of serving the trays had improved considerably.

A tea was given once every two weeks, the group in each nurses' quarters taking their turn as hostesses. Though a silver service was definitely not in evidence and each girl was asked to bring her own canteen cup, the teas proved to be very delightful and enjoyed by all.

In preparation for our departure from Australia, a new clothing issue was added to our already bulging bed rolls. Each nurse purchased six safari jackets and six sun-tan slacks; leggings and field shoes were included in the above issue. Cholera and typhoid shots were administered, then we realized we were actually on our way. During our stay in Australia we had accumulated a cat named "Pres," and four little puppies to our roster. Cleon Meythaler, Suzanne Oosterhoff, Ruth Salk Orr, and Kay Phillips were the proud owners, they and several of us were very unhappy to leave them all behind.

We departed on less than twenty-four hours notice. Much excitement and confusion prevailed, sending last minute packages of wool clothes and souvenirs back to the States. Now remember, we had just received our clothing coupons and pounds and pounds of wool yarn had been purchased. Our final departure from Australia went off very smoothly. Many of us left pleasant memories behind and felt we were really on our way to jungle warfare.

Boarding the transport in the late afternoon, we were assigned to our cabins in an orderly manner, finding that we were sharing a cabin with five others. Ah! then there was meal time, we were handed a Spam sandwich and an envelope of powdered coffee but no hot water. The following morning at breakfast we discovered we

were on a liner that was serving those good old American meals we had been longing for in Australia. The boat trip was a much smoother one, and consequently much less mal de mer.

It was a matter of only a few days when we saw the tropical isles, which was a thriller to most of us. When we sighted our shore line, we recalled many similar pictures we had seen in the movies. When we reached our final destination, most of us were covered with several inches of sand. For you all have heard of this country where you wade knee deep in mud—yet dust in your eyes.

Our trip has brought us closer to our medical officers and enlisted men."

Flash! Late Bulletin: Word has been received that Del Sollis, '41, had an appendectomy performed in New Guinea.

### ACROSS THE SEAS

August 22, 1944—Bessie Norstrum, 32, 2nd Lt., ANC, writes from Saipan Island: "Have been here only a short time but love it more every day. It's a beautiful island. Flew in from my last station and it was a thrill all the way.

The rainy season is at its best so the mud which is like glue, seems to be "feet deep." Thank Heavens for G.I. slacks, field shoes and raincoats. The heat is terrific when the sun decides to shine.

The native Chamarros are very friendly and a great help. They are of Spanish descent, altho now speak a mixture of Spanish, German, Japanese and goodness knows what. Manage to get things across with the aid of both hands and feet and a bit of loud talking.

I spent a very pleasant evening with Mildred Kisling Cook while on the islands. It was certainly grand to see her again.

Have a real ritzy tent now as floors and screens are in. The flies, mosquitoes and lizards find a way in without difficulty. The flies on Saipan were considered sacred as they were imported to kill a fruit parasite at one time. They are sacred no longer."

June Kuitert, Kathryn Longworth, Shirley Boughton, Hazel Taylor Thilmont and Margaret Mickelson all of the class of 1943, are stationed in an Army Hospital in England.

### ALUMNAE NEWS

Jane Lartz Worst, '41, of Bloomington, Illinois, was a July caller at Pres. T/5 William Worst is serving overseas.

Betty Kinzer, '42, Ens. USNR, was a July caller at Pres. At this time Betty was stationed at Glencoe Air Base.

Marjorie Douglas Clagett, '41, passed through Chicago, August 4, 1944, enroute to California with her husband, Lt. Clagett of the Navy. Lt. and Mrs. Clagett have spent the past year at Annapolis.

Agnes B. Rogers, '40, wrote in June from New Orleans, Louisiana: "I have been in the employ of the United Christian Missionary Society for the past year and shall be going to Belgian Congo this summer as a missionary nurse. Last year, from January to June, I was a student in the Divinity School of Yale University. From June to November I was travelling speaking in church meetings, on missionary subjects. I worked for a few weeks in Chicago near the end of the year at Pres. This year I have been studying tropical diseases, parasitology and hematology in the laboratories of Charity Hospital here in New Orleans and studying French in private lessons. I discontinued my volunteer work in the hospital pathology department last week and am now concentrating upon purchasing the household and personal equipment which I must take with me to Congo."

Mildred L. Ross, '34, called on her friends at Pres. during a week's vacation from her job as Industrial Nurse at The Muelhausen Spring Corporation, Logansport, Ind. Miss Ross extends a cordial invitation to anyone going through Logansport to stop and see her.

Jane Walters Coon, '10, visited Desse Greek, '14, and other friends in Chicago during the month of August. Miss Coon lives in New Mexico.

Lucile Lucas, '43, 2nd Lt., ANC, has been a caller at Pres. several times since her induction into the Army.

Mydella Rawson Paperniak, '40, visited friends at Pres. on August 26th. Mrs. Paperniak and her six months old son are living with her sister in Harvard, Illinois. Capt. Papierniak is with the Unit.



Mr. Stewart is with our Unit somewhere in New Guinea.

To Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Johnson (Alice Pollen, '31), a son, Charles Stuart, on July 26, 1944, at Presbyterian.

To Lt. (jg) and Mrs. Hench (Ruth Rydell, '43), a daughter, Sharon, on August 15, 1944, at Presbyterian.

To Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Borchardt (Virginia Shephard, '28), a son, William David, on July 14, 1944, at Presbyterian. The Borchardts live at Lansing, Michigan.

To Rev. and Mrs. William Pfautz (Olga Hohm, '41), a son, William Ludwig, on August 23, 1944, at Salina, Kansas. William has a two-year old sister, Judith Ann. At present Mrs. Pfautz and children are making their home in Bennington, Kansas. Rev. Pfautz is serving as a chaplain in the United States Army.

To Mr. and Mrs. K. D. Roubie (Lois Melges, '39), a daughter, Patricia Ann, on June 23, 1944, at Kankakee, Illinois. Patricia Ann has a three-year old sister, Barbara Jean.

## SYMPATHY

The sincere sympathy of the Alumnae members is extended to the family and friends of Eula Butzerin, '14, whose mother passed away September 13, 1944.

And to the family and friends of Naomi White, '28, whose mother passed away September 13, 1944.

And to the classmates and friends of Agnes Sprick, '12, who died in Riverdale, Illinois, August 8, 1944. The Alumnae sent flowers in her memory.

And to the family and friends of Lottie Kopp, '32, who died in Milwaukee, Wis., July 12, 1944. The Alumnae have given five dollars to the M. Helena McMillian Fund in her memory instead of the usual flowers.

And to Helen Hutchinson Edwards, '31, whose husband died September 19, 1944, at Gardner Hospital, Chicago. Mr. Edwards was an enlisted member of our Unit.

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## NURSING INFORMATION FROM HERE AND THERE

The need for well qualified Negro public health nurses is urgent. Although Negroes constitute approximately 10 per cent of the population in the United States, Negro public health nurses constitute only 3.5 per cent of the 25,000 public health nurses in the country.

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Because of the critical shortage of nurses, some Volunteer Nurse's Aides have been asked by the hospitals to serve on a full time basis with pay. The Red Cross approved such a policy based on recommendations made by the advisory committee on Red Cross Nursing Service. The aide is given a temporary leave of absence from corps provided she has given 150 hours of voluntary service.

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Miss Frances V. Brink has been appointed Director of Nursing and Principal of the School of Nursing at the Children's Memorial Hospital, Chicago, Illinois, beginning June 1. Miss Brink is a graduate of Philadelphia General Hospital School of Nursing, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. For the past thirteen years she has been Superintendent of Nurses and Principal of the School of Nursing of the Milwaukee County Hospital, Wauwatosa, Wis.

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The Local and State Procurement and Assignment Committees have classified 134,522 nurses according to their availability for military service or their essentiality in the service they are rendering, during the year ending June 30, 1944.

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Scholarships in orthopedic nursing and physical therapy to prepare nurses for orthopedic services, for teaching orthopedic nursing, and for positions as orthopedic supervisors in public health nursing agencies, are available through the Joint Orthopedic Nursing Advisory Service, 1790 Broadway, New York 19, N. Y.